

GERMANS PREPARING NEW OFFENSIVE AGAINST ITALIANS

INVADERS PREPARE GREAT NEW DRIVE ON ITALIAN FRONT

High Morale of Gen. Diaz's Armies Gives Italy Renewed Courage.

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ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 5.—The high morale of the Italian troops on all parts of the front is giving great confidence to the people throughout the country, especially those residing in the mountainous Venetian Plain. Life in those towns and villages which only a week ago were overcast with apprehension has grown daily more normal. They are as lively now as they were in the vicinity of Rome.

In one section which I visited ploughing was proceeding with singing boys guiding the slow moving oxen, while less than a mile away shells were crashing among the houses and correspondents were dodging from one building to another. At one part of the Piave I could see the enemy in small groups moving about. This stone-paved river bed, through which only a very narrow stream now runs because of the dearth of autumn rains, may suddenly become one of this war's sanguinary battle-grounds. In his mountain positions the enemy has a good view of the well cultivated plain studded with villages which stand out conspicuously white under the Italian sun. It is a view of a promised land, the attainment of which he hopes will be the ransom for peace, but from one end of the Italian lines to the other, the invaders are determined to keep him from this fertile spot.

ITALIANS REPULSE TEUTONS; AIRMEN BOMBARD CAMPS

ROME, Dec. 5.—The official announcement from General Headquarters says:

"In the Giudicaria region (Trentino front) at dawn yesterday enemy parties, after artillery preparation, attacked our advanced line on the slopes south of Dauno Valley, but were repulsed.

"On the Asiago Plateau the enemy artillery was very active between

Italians Forbidden To Show Joy Over Prospect of Peace

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 5.—Popular manifestations and demonstrations of joy in many army corps districts as a result of the armistice negotiations between the Germans and the Russian Bolsheviks, have been forbidden by the military authorities, according to reliable information that comes here.

The German people are on edge over the possibility of peace and the authorities are doing everything possible to restrain public opinion and put the brakes on far-fetched peace hopes, fearing there will be a strong reaction and depression when a general peace fails to materialize. The tone of the press in general, while optimistic, is self-peddled.

Monte Sisoni and Monte Castiglione. Our reconnaissance parties brought back prisoners, and our batteries made powerful concentrations of fire on masses of troops seen in Gialle Wood, at the southwest of Asiago and north of Monte Tonolara. Enemy troops and encampments were also bombarded by our aircraft in the Almarara Valley and neighboring zones.

"An enemy infantry attempt east of Monte Madonocche was promptly stopped by our fire. Between the front and the Piave, on Monte Spioncica, a few prisoners were captured in a brief action.

"Enemy columns moving upon Sereh Valley and to the Piave Valley for the purpose of approaching the front were shelled and stopped by our batteries. On the Piave there was moderate artillery activity. Two captive balloons were brought down."

GERMAN REPORT CLAIMS OVER 500 PRISONERS

BERLIN, Dec. 5.—Reporting on Monday's fighting, to-day's official statement from German Army headquarters says:

"In the northern sectors of the battlefield near Cambrai the artillery activity between Inchy and Bourlon was lively at intervals. Minor forward combats were successful.

"In the southern sectors throughout the day there was very violent local fighting between Maroing and the road between Peronne and Cambrai. Attacking untrigly with hand grenades and bayonet we wrested from the British sections of trenches which were still under enemy control. Many prisoners were taken. The enemy endeavored in vain to recapture them. "Baden troops stormed the village of La Vaquerie and held it despite many British summer attacks. We took more than 500 prisoners.

"Along the Ailette (French front) and on both banks of the Meuse (Verdun) there was intermittent fighting during lively reconnoitring activity.

"On the Flanders front from mid-day on the firing between Poelcapelle and Ghiselghem increased. British infantry attacked in many waves north of Gheluve, but were thrown back by our fire and counter attacks."

Italians Blocked at Verdun, French War Office Asserts

PARIS, Dec. 5.—"On the left bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the Germans attempted to approach our lines in the sector of Forges and west of Avocourt," says the French War Office report. "Our fire promptly checked the effort.

"There was great activity on the part of the artillery, especially in the region of Maisons de Champagne and Tabora.

Will Censor Letters in Hands of Tourists

Washington Puts Restrictions on Communications Entering and Leaving This Country.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Regulations to restrict the transmission to or from the United States of letters or communications, except through the regular course of the mails, have been issued to Customs Collectors by the Treasury.

Hereafter, communications, when carried in luggage or commercial shipments, will be subject to inspection by customs agents under authority of President Wilson's trading with the enemy proclamation, and, with certain exceptions, will be passed only by special customs licenses.

The traffic in so-called ship and consigner's mail will not be discontinued. Customs agents along the Mexican border are advised to use discretion in passing communications.

Hotel Majestic Guest Held as German Spy

"Dr. Henderson" From Nicaragua Detained—Soldiers Arrest a Suspect at Pier 48.

"Dr. Bart Henderson, Managua, Nicaragua," being a German spy, sent to the United States by the Kaiser's agents in South America, is being held by Federal authorities.

"Henderson" registered at the Hotel Majestic five days ago, and since that time has been busy making the acquaintance of young girls with soldier friends. He entertained them lavishly at Broadway restaurants and is said to have questioned them as to when their soldier boys were going to France, and along other lines of military knowledge.

United States soldiers on guard at Pier 48, North River, yesterday seized a German who was trying to pass the cordon. About the zone forbidden to enemy aliens. He was taken to Ellis Island, where a search of his clothing disclosed a picture of himself in German Army uniform, maps of the water front and sketches and plans of several American transports.

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We shall regard the war only as won when the German people say to us, through properly accredited representatives, that they are ready to agree to a settlement based upon justice and the reparation of the wrongs their rulers have done. They have done a wrong to Belgium which must be repaired. They have established a power over other lands and peoples than their own—over the great Empire of Austria-Hungary, over hitherto free Balkan states, over Turkey, and within Asia—which must be relinquished.

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Russian Envoy in Rome Repudiates Bolsheviks

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Teutons Must Keep Force on the Russian Front

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Russia has been excluded as a fighting factor from all the Entente calculations at the Paris conference, but unless the Bolsheviks are prepared to abandon every contention their negotiations, entailing the necessity of Germany retaining a considerable force still in the east. The most pressing problem for Lenin is food for Northern Russia, which Germany is powerless to solve. As to the release of German prisoners, it is understood that immense numbers of these have been settled in Turkestan, where they are far happier than in the trenches.

Three Deserters from Wadsworth Caught

Members of 10th Regiment, Hidden in Coal Car, Taken After a Chase in Danville, Va.

DANVILLE, Va., Dec. 5.—Found hiding in an empty coal gondola on a freight train, police officers last evening arrested three deserters in full uniform from Camp Wadsworth. The men, James Betterly, Steve Musco and Walter McGraw, are all of Company D, 10th New York Infantry. Seeing the police, they jumped from the train and led the officers a chase of a mile before being caught. They admitted deserting, the police say, saying they left camp Sunday night. Musco said his reason was that he had been in camp seven months and had been repeatedly denied a furlough. He admitted, however, that this is his second escape, being captured a few months ago at Pittsburgh on his first attempt.

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HALE—WALTER, husband of Louise Closter Hale, at his home, 27 North Washington Square, New York City, Dec. 4, 1917.

Funeral services Thursday morning, Dec. 6, at 11 o'clock, at Calvary Church, corner 21st st. and 4th ave. Our friends are invited. Kindly omit flowers. Interment Graceland Cemetery, Chicago, Ill.

KOBY—ALBERT KOMP. Services at CAMPBELL FUNERAL CHURCH, Broadway, 66th st., Friday, 11 o'clock.

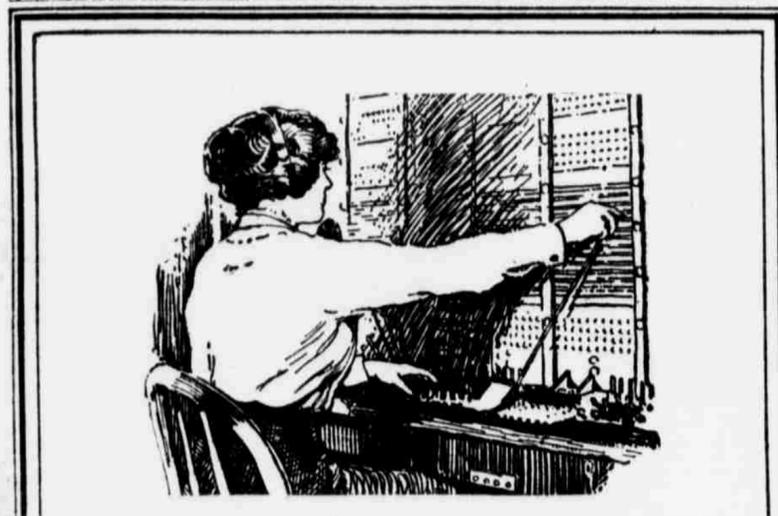
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